

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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APPLICANT:	Sprunk et al.	TC/ART UNIT:	2131
FILED:	March 9, 2004	EXAMINER:	Henning, Matthew T
TITLE:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHENTICATING DATA		

## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2004 concerning the above-identified application. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond, with fee authorization, is submitted concurrently herewith. This reply is provided in response to the Office Action in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.111. Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks and respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejections made in the Office Action and to allow the claims to issue.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.